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TAGS: OREP (MC GOVERN, GEORGE)

SUBJ: CODEL MC GOVERN

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1. CHARGE USED CALL ON FREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN
ON DECEMBER 23 REGARDING ANOTHER SUBJECT TO INFORM BDG
OF JANUARY 11-13 VISIT OF SENATOR MC GOVERN AND PARTY.
AFTER TELLING CHARGE THAT BDG IS ANXIOUS TO OFFER WHAT-
EVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN TO INSURE THAT SENATOR MC GOVERN
HAS A FRUITFUL VISIT, FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT BDG'S
PLANNING WOULD BE SPEEDED IF IT KNEW:

- (A) KINDS OF PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE SOUGHT FROM OR
ARRANGED BY GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN, AND
- (B) LEVEL AT WHICH CALLS WILL BE MADE IN ISLAMABAD
AND NEW DELHI.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE
IS PROMPTED BY A DESIRE ON PART OF BDG TO APPEAR TO BE
AS EVEN-HANDED AS POSSIBLE. IT WANTS, AS HE SAID, TO DO
"NO LESS AND NO MORE" THAN INDIA AND PAKISTAN. WE CON-
CLUDE THAT THE BDG WISHES TO AVOID BEING THOUGHT TO BE
CATERING UNDULY TO THE UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME, A
VIEW WHICH WE SUSPECT RESULTS FROM THE ANNOYACE DIS-
PLAYED BY THE INDIANS DURING THE SATTAR VISIT OVER THE
SUCCESS BY BANGLADESH IN ENLISTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE
UNITED STATES DURING THE RECENT PERIOD OF TENSION.

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3. IT IS OUR VIEW FOREIGN SECRETARY'S POSITION
IS THE RIGHT ONE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ISLAMABAD
AND NEW DELHI'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD.
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